

The Pastor's Corner . . .

"Jesus said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber.'" John 10: 1.

OK, what is a sheepfold and what does it have to do with Jesus and us? In Biblical times, a sheepfold was a shelter for sheep that utilized small natural caves or an area that was sheltered by an overhang. Sheepfolds were utilized by shepherds to shelter the sheep at night from weather and predators. The gate was simply an opening leading into the sheepfold, and many times was constructed by the shepherd by utilizing dirt, rocks or brush. The gate itself many times was the shepherd himself laying down across the opening to protect his sheep.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that he himself is the gate keeper. He goes on to tell us that he protects and leads us if we follow his voice. If we recognize his voice and follow him we will be safe and follow him into his kingdom.

Jesus has left us the scriptures and his Church to guide and direct us and hear his voice. We can choose to follow his voice or we can disregard his voice and allow the thief, called Satan, to steal, slaughter and destroy us. No one who has ever followed Jesus and his Church has ever become victimized by Satan. As always, we have a choice. Choose wisely.

Peace in Christ, Fr. Joe

AROUND ONE TABLE • THE DIOCESAN CHURCH

Consider Hope: "We cannot stop reaching out for it, and yet we know that ... it ... is not what we yearn for. This unknown "thing" is the true hope which drives us, and at the same time the fact that it is unknown is the cause of all forms of despair The term "eternal life" is intended to give a name to this known "unknown". Inevitably it is an inadequate term that creates confusion. Eternal suggests to us the idea of something interminable, and this frightens us; life makes us think of the life that we know and love and do not want to lose, even though very often it brings more toil than satisfaction, so that while on the one hand we desire it, on the other hand we do not want it. ... eternity is not an unending succession of days, but something more like the supreme moment of satisfaction. It would be like plunging into the ocean of infinite love, a moment in which time - the before and after - no longer exists.

May God bless you , +Bishop Vasa



BUILDING OUR NEW CHURCH CORNER

The St. Francis School Student Body raised \$662 by filling their "We Can" Cans. This is really exciting...Thanks.

A Thank You also to all of you for your Lenten sacrifices.

Next weekend, Apr. 19-20 we will be handing out "We Can" Cans to parishioners who would like to take them home to fill them with their loose change. When you bring them back just empty them into the change jug at the entrance of either the Center or the Downtown Church. Please take them home and do it again at your convenience. Just a reminder...the can money is not reflected on your annual contribution statement.

MUSIC MINISTRY Our parish needs more trained cantors for our many liturgical services. If you would like to share your musical gifts in this way, please call Gail for more information, 382-3631.

GAIL COON'S NEW CD of Celtic and inspirational music is on sale at the Parish Office. 10% of the proceeds go to the Parish Building Fund. For information, please call the office, 382-3631

Fr. Edgar Sanchez of the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit will be our Spiritual Director for our journey to Italy. It will be a Contemplative Pilgrimage , with a slower pace than typical tour.

September 1-13, 2008

\$2,590 + tax

For more information: Jan Jensen 503-269-3736. Contemplative Pilgrimages organized by St. Francis Pilgrimages.

EXPLORATIONS IN SPIRITUALITY with Fr. Logan
We will resume Monday, April 14, 7:00PM in the Faith Development Seminar Room at the Catholic Center, and continue through May 19. We will begin with the Introduction through Chapters 3 in Mother Teresa-Come Be My Light: The Private Writings of the "Saint of Calcutta.

Aloha, We are excited to announce the 26th Annual St. Francis School Auction.
The dinner and auction will be held Fri., May 2, at the Catholic Center. This year's theme is a "Hawaiian Luau" featuring authentic Hawaiian food, drinks, and entertainment by
Bill Keale and the Hukilau Dancers.
Tickets: \$60. To purchase or for info., please stop by the School office or call 382-4701.

PARISH MINISTRIES, ORGANIZATIONS, MEETINGS, FINANCIAL UPDATES

RCIA—"Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults"

NEW INQUIRERS - Every Thursday, from 6:30 -8:30 PM, in the RCIA Workroom.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meeting Mon., Apr. 14 6 PM Business & General Meeting 7 PM in the Seminar Room 1. For info call Grand Knight Bob Latham, 382-1927.



Knights of Columbus 4th Degree. Please call George Neal, 388-8481 for dates & place.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

K-5: Apr. 16, 2008 at 4 PM. Class ends at 5:30 PM. Remember Vacation Bible School is coming up...

Bend Volunteer Corps is looking for an Executive Director to carry out the vision and policy of the board. Must support staff and volunteers to carry out the four core values, which are; simple living, social justice, community, and spirituality. For more information on The Bend Volunteer Corps, www.bendvolunteercorps.org or call 541-419-1381

SECULAR FRANCISCANS

Will gather Sun. Apr. 20, 1 PM, Catholic Center. Newcomers welcome. Info: Greg 388-3212, MaryAnn 382-1545.

COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER MASSES

Will not be served this week due to the Central Deanery presentation after all Masses. We are also canceling the coffee and donuts scheduled for the month of May.

Teen Seekers - Congratulations! Our parish is blessed with 12 NEW 1st Communicants receiving the Holy Eucharist on Saturday, April 5th. God Bless you all! If you are a Teen and have not received your Sacraments of Reconciliation or Eucharist contact Susie Rossi at the Parish Center 382-3631 ext 110.

Pope Benedict XVI has designated Apr. 13, 2008 as "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." Please remember all the priests and religious you pray for or who have had a special meaning to you. Also remember your Pastor. Offer your Mass today; say an extra prayer or rosary; send a note or card of appreciation. Please also pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially for the Diocese of Baker. Thank you, Diocese of Baker Serra Club

CONFIRMATION—Hey Grab your journals and come to our 1st meeting for Unit 4 on Wednesday April 16th at the Catholic Center at 6:30 pm. Snack for this week is T-Wa. Make up Class is Tue. April 15th and don't forget to sign-up for an interview on Susie's Office door.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Please join us Apr. 13 at the Catholic Center for Mass at 5 PM, Dinner at 6 PM then off to Pilot Butte at 6:30. PICK UP at the East Parking Lot at 8 PM. We need 10 Parent Chaperones with BIG cars for transportation. Please email Susie.



BAPTISMS

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES
The next class will be held Apr. 17, 2008 at 7 PM. Please call the office, 382-3631 to register.

A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full." Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

"Bread of Life" Retreat for High School Youth.

Sacred Heart Parish, Klamath Falls., Apr. 25-27. Flyers and Registration forms at the office. For more info., please email June at youthministry@stfrancisbend.org Come enjoy the Fellowship with High School Youth of our Diocese.



Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon - the phone number on your invitation is incorrect. Please call 382-3631 for reservations. Thank you.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We wish to **Thank** the parishioners of St. Francis for the generous offerings to us on Holy Thursday. **You gave us \$2,368.92 in donations. May God Bless You.**

We are also in desperate need of volunteers at this time. If you have a few hours to give, please call Christine at 389-6643

Birthright of Bend is asking for donations of maternity clothes at this time. For more information please call 382-5505.

Latino Marriage Encounter Next Tamales Sale is April 2 after the 7:30 and 9:00 AM Masses.

ALTAR CARE Apr. 17, 18, 19, Jeanne Smoldt, Brick Logan, Dart Luckeroth, Mary Hartrich.

Readings for the week of Mar. 31-Apr. 6, 2008

Monday on the Octave of Easter

Mon. Apr. 14 Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18; Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; John 10:11-18

Tues. Apr. 15—Acts of the Apostles 11: 19-26; Psalm 87: 1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 10: 22-30

Wed. Apr. 16—Acts of the Apostles 12: 24-13:5a; Psalm 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8; John 12: 44-50

Thurs. Apr. 17—Acts of the Apostles 13:13-25; Psalm 89: 2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; John 13: 16-20

Fri. Apr. 18 Acts of the Apostles 13: 26-33; Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; John 14: 1-6

Sat. Apr. 19—Acts of the Apostles 13: 44-52; Psalm 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 14: 7-14

Sat. Apr. 19, Sun. Apr. 20— Acts of the Apostles 2: 14a, 36-41 (49A); Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; John 10: 1-10

SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR MARCH 2008

Weekly Budgeted Collection	\$17,402.00
Actual Collection 04/06/2008	\$15,471.00
Over/(Under)	(\$1,931.00)